

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Spring Hill Farm Inventory Number ~~PG: 85A-63~~

Address: 16603 Crain Highway, SW, Prince George's County - in the vicinity of Bandywine

Owner: Dobson, Richard H

Tax Parcel Number: 10 Tax Map Number: 164

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no yes Name: Date:

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district? X no yes Name of District:

Is district listed?: X no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This property features a house, and two barns. Vernacular in style, the house is two stories high and three bays wide. It features rock-faced concrete block construction, 1/1 windows, a hipped, asphalt shingle roof with hipped dormers, and a wrap-around porch which has been enclosed with windows, siding, and a large exterior end chimney. The older barn is one story high, and features wood frame construction with vertical board siding, and a front gable, standing seam metal roof. The newer barn is two stories high, and features concrete block construction, fixed 6-light windows, and a front gabled, standing seam metal roof.

Located near the Baltimore and Potomac rail line, this farm represents patterns of development that characterized Charles County during the late-19th and early-20th centuries. Following the Civil War, railroads made the greatest impact upon community development, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie In Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. The opening of the railroad revitalized the practice of agriculture in southern Maryland. Beginning in 1873, the railroad operated a freight train to Baltimore once a week to carry local produce. In the 1880s, land values in southern Maryland rose

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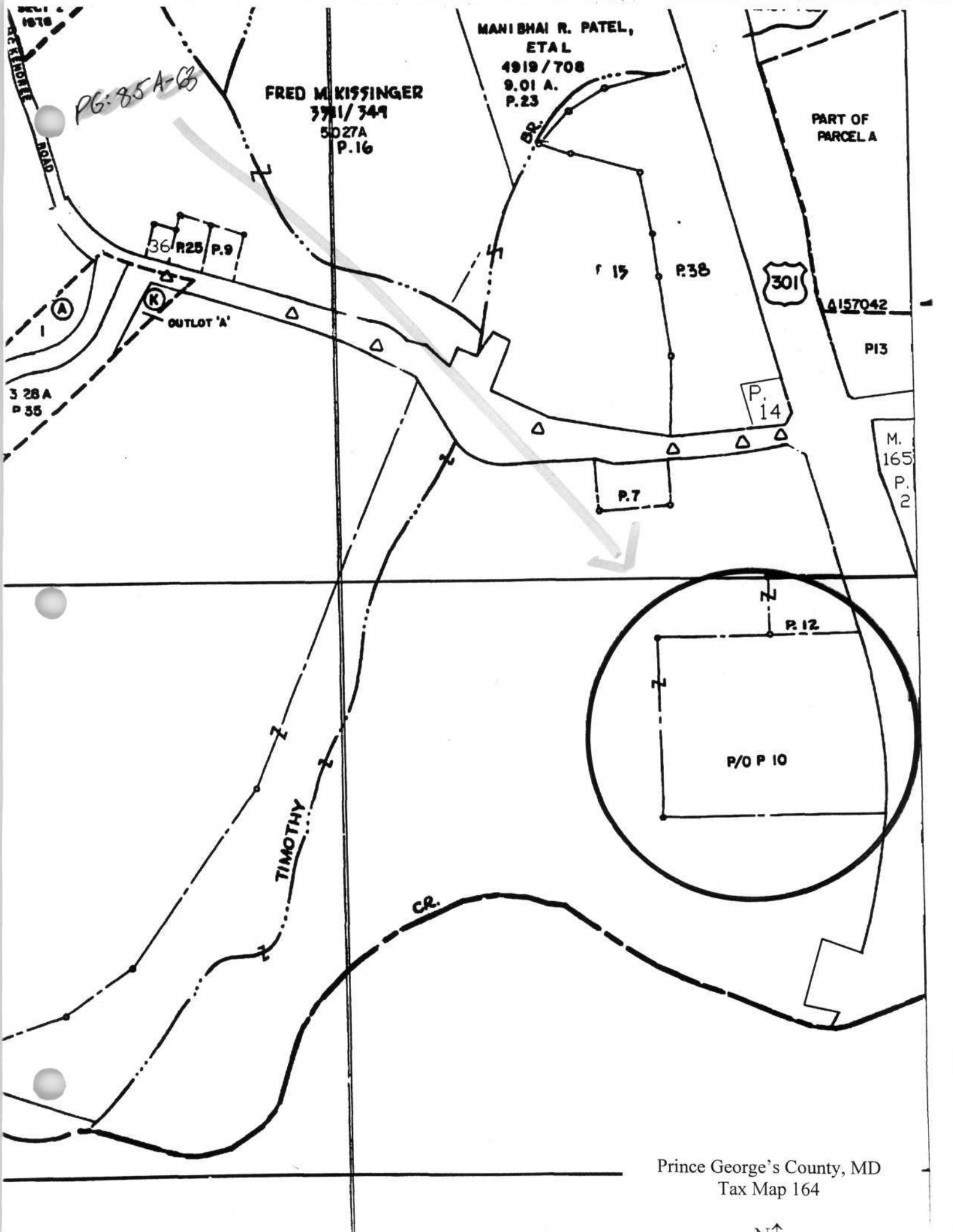
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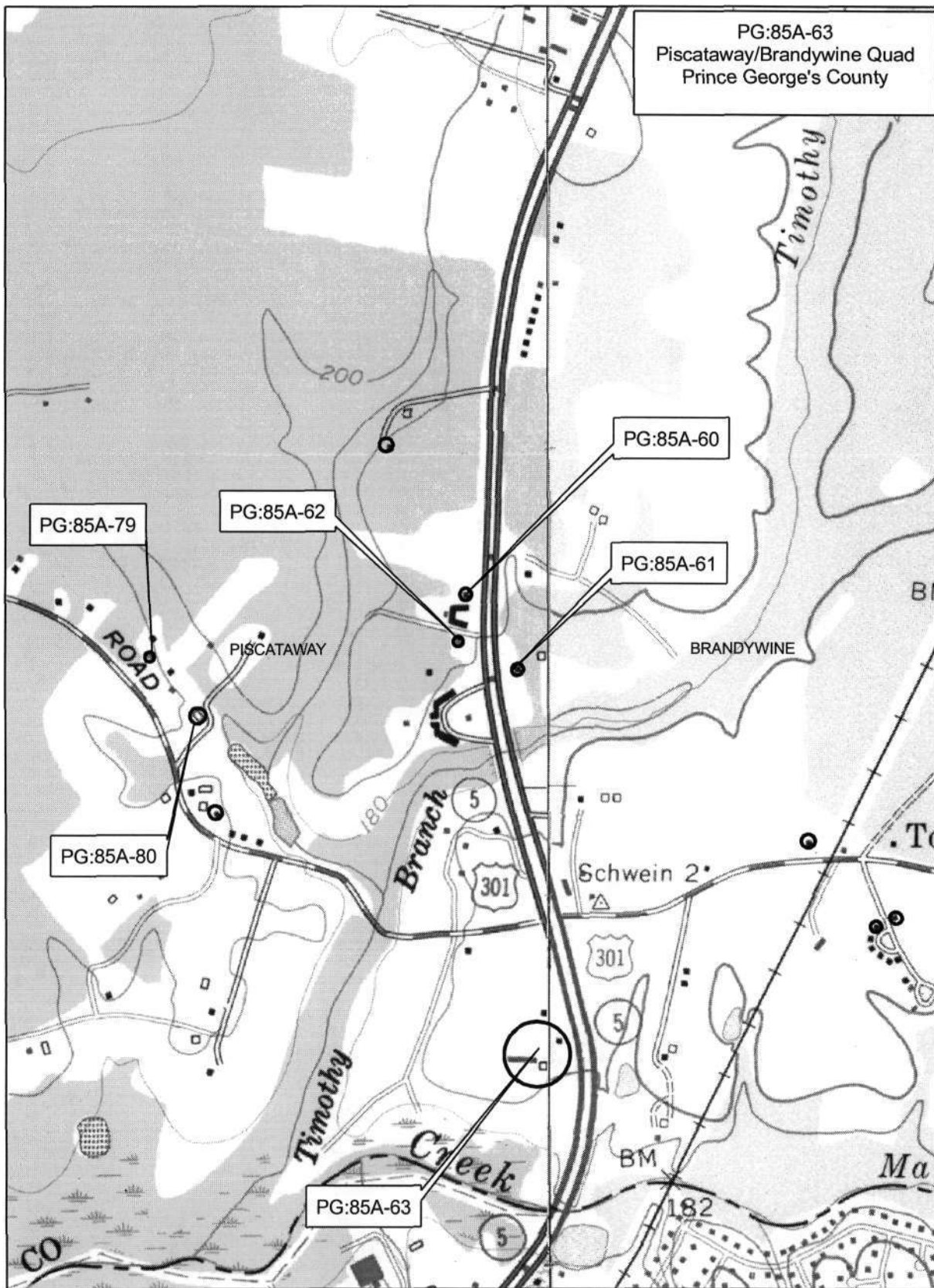
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rapidly in response to increased profits from agriculture. The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, therefore, was responsible for agricultural prosperity in southern Maryland during the 19th and 20th centuries. The farmers closer to the urban markets of Washington began to diversify their crops and began to produce more products for the urban populations. Grains and potatoes were in demand in the cities and the access to the rail lines within Prince George's County assured the farmers' crops safe and easy delivery to the urban centers.

This farmstead, with c. 1910 buildings is not eligible for the National Register. It lacks significance related to events, persons or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.







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